



Covid-19 vaccination: Briefing for stakeholders

In each stakeholder briefing, we like to share our progress in providing the Covid-19 vaccine to the people of Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire, however, for this week, we wish to highlight a slightly different statistic.

In our region, there are nearly 100,000 adults eligible for the vaccine who are still yet to come forward.

Wiltshire has the highest number of unvaccinated adults with 37,212, while Bath and North East Somerset and Swindon follow closely with 28,037 and 27,278 respectively.

This is of real concern, especially as the upcoming Christmas and New Year period will inevitably see more people socialising indoors, often with friends and relatives not seen for many months.

I would kindly ask that any person reading this joins us in urging people who have so far refused, or are still considering, the vaccine to think about how their decision could have adverse consequences for those around them this festive season.

Gill May,
Director of Nursing and Quality

Updates



Return of region's floating vaccination clinic

People living on waterways in Bath and North East Somerset and Wiltshire will be able to receive their Covid-19 booster vaccines by boat from next week.

The floating vaccination clinic will begin its tour of the region's canals on Monday 29 November in Bathampton, and visit locations such as Bradford-on-Avon and Devizes, before finishing in Pewsey on Friday 10 December.

As well as providing booster vaccines, the vaccination team on the boat will also be offering first and second doses for any members of the boating community still yet to be vaccinated.

Appeal for kindness from people coming forward to be vaccinated

All of our vaccination staff, especially those working at Salisbury City Hall and Bath Racecourse, continue to do all they can to help as many people as possible to receive the Covid-19 vaccine.

As such, we are asking people coming forward for their vaccines to treat our teams with kindness, dignity and respect.

We appreciate that vaccine centres are busy and there is often a wait to be seen, but we retain a zero tolerance approach to any kind of aggressive or intimidating behaviour.



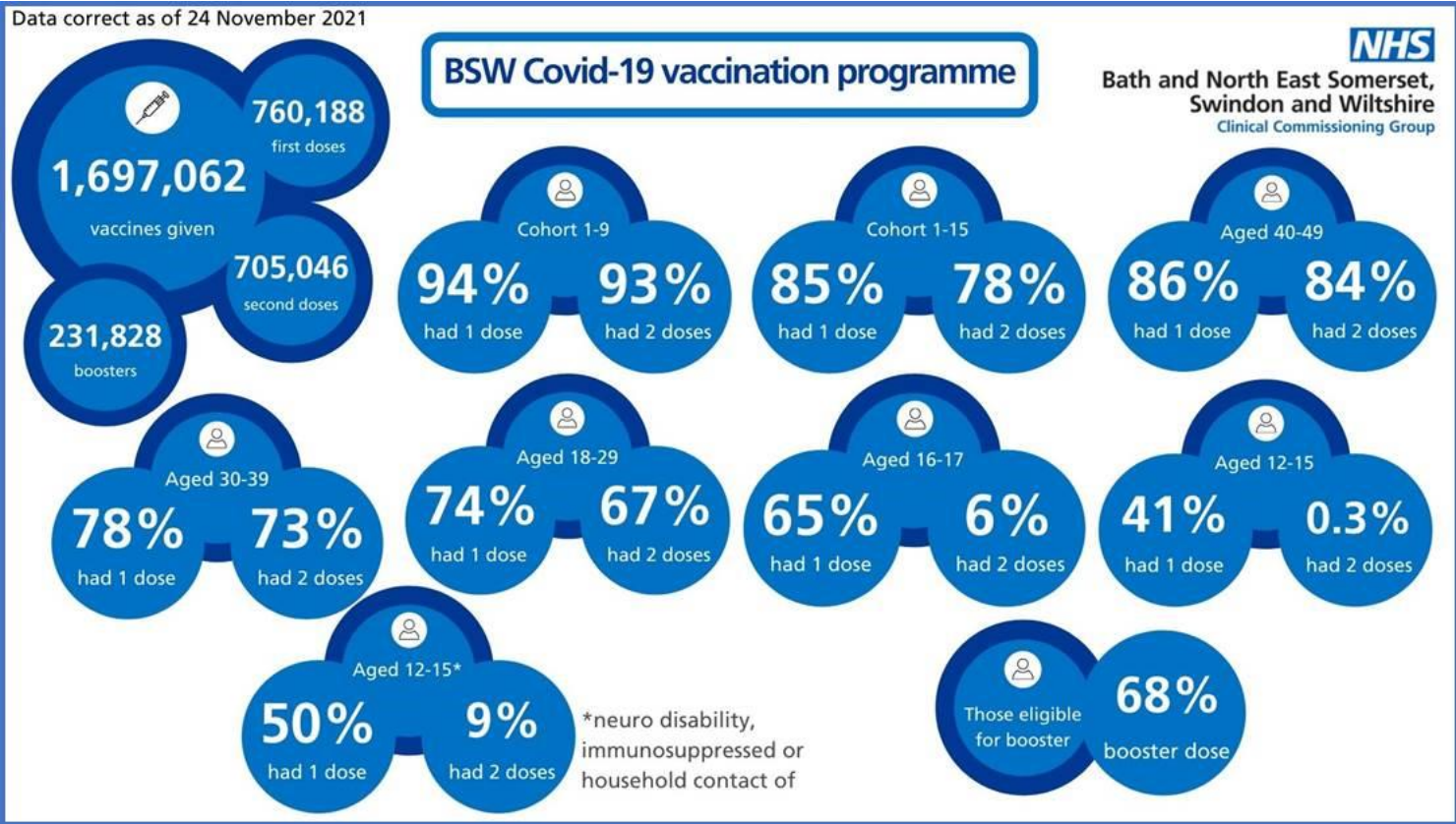
Remembering GWH surgeon Dr Irfan Halim

We were saddened to hear the news this week about the death of Dr Irfan Halim, who had been a valued member of the team at the Great Western Hospital in Swindon.

Dr Halim died on Sunday 14 November after contracting Covid-19 while working on the hospital's coronavirus ward.

Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies go out to his friends, family and colleagues at this immensely sad time.

Vaccination progress to date



The BSW Covid-19 vaccination programme is being led by BSW CCG with support from partner organisations including voluntary community and social enterprises.

